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# National NAGPRA Program, National Park Service, Department of Interior, Update on NAGPRA-related Seminars and Scholarship Guidelines—www.npi.org/schol-NAGPRA.html

## **NAGPRA-related Seminars**

The National Preservation Institute (NPI) is pleased to announce three new seminars developed by the National NAGPRA Program, National Park Service, Department of Interior, that will be presented through NPI. More information on each seminar, including an agenda and a schedule, can be found on the NPI web site at **www.npi.org**.

#### **NAGPRA:** Determining Cultural Affiliation

Review the tools and best practices for determining cultural affiliation as part of the requirements of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA). Each federal agency and museum with control over Native American human remains must determine cultural affiliation if it can do so on the basis of reasonable belief. Discuss NAGPRA requirements, definitions of critical terminology, grant assistance, and the consultation and review process.

#### NAGPRA: Summaries, Inventories, and Federal Register Notices

Review the summaries and inventories requirements for the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA). Each federal agency and museum with control over Native American human remains and cultural items must complete and submit a summary and/or inventory to tribes/Native Hawaiian organizations and the National NAGPRA Program. These documents are the basis for writing a Federal Register notice, allowing for repatriation. Discuss NAGPRA requirements and ongoing responsibilities under the Future Applicability rule (43 CFR 10.13) for Summaries and Inventories.

#### NAGPRA: Writing and Managing a Successful Grant

The National NAGPRA Grant Program offers grants to assist Indian tribes, Alaska Native villages and corporations, Native Hawaiian organizations, and museums with NAGPRA. The NAGPRA process may include consultation, documentation, and repatriation of human remains and cultural items. Learn how to assess the needs of a NAGPRA program, identify fundable projects, and write and manage a successful grant. Review case studies of grant applications and projects.

# Scholarship Guidelines

The National Preservation Institute (NPI) is the administering organization for scholarships for the National NAGPRA Program. Multiple National NAGPRA Program scholarships are available for NPI seminars listed below. Travel grants may be available for the NAGPRA: Writing and Managing a Successful Grant seminar. More information on each seminar, including a description and an agenda, can be found on the NPI web site at www.npi.org/schol-NAGPRA.html.

All scholarship applications must be received at least six weeks prior to the seminar. Successful applicants will be notified four weeks prior to each seminar. Indian tribes, Native Hawaiian organizations, and museums are encouraged to send two participants to any seminar(s) that they apply for. Each applicant must fill out a separate scholarship application which can be downloaded from **www.npi.org/schol-NAGPRA.html**.

Federally recognized Indian tribes, Alaska Native villages and corporations, and Native Hawaiian organizations are eligible to receive scholarships to attend any of the following training seminars:

- Archaeological Curation and Collections Management
- Conflict Resolution and Consultation Tools for Cultural and Natural Resource Projects
- Conservation Strategies for Archaeologists
- Consultation and Protection of Native American Sacred Lands
- Identification and Management of Traditional Cultural Places
- NAGPRA and ARPA: Applications and Requirements
- NAGPRA: Determining Cultural Affiliation
- NAGPRA: Summaries, Inventories, and Federal Register Notices
- NAGPRA: Writing and Managing a Successful Grant
- Native American Cultural Property Law
- Section 106: An Introduction
- Section 106: Agreement Documents

Museums with an annual operating budget of \$250,000 or less are eligible to receive up to two scholarships for the following training seminars only:

- NAGPRA: Determining Cultural Affiliation
- NAGPRA: Summaries, Inventories, and Federal Register Notices
- NAGPRA: Writing and Managing a Successful Grant

#### Eligibility Criteria for Scholarship Recipients

- Must be a tribal member, a member of an Alaska Native village or corporation or Native Hawaiian organization, and/or work at least part-time or volunteer on a regular basis with a Federally recognized tribe's NAGPRA or repatriation program to apply for any listed seminar.
- For NAGPRA: Determining Cultural Affiliation, NAGPRA: Summaries, Inventories, and Federal Register Notices, and NAGPRA: Writing and Managing a Successful Grant seminars, museums with an annual operating budget of \$250,000 or less are eligible to apply.
- Must have a commitment to improving the stewardship of the cultural resources they represent.
- Must agree to attend the entire seminar(s).
- Must agree to provide own travel, lodging, per diem to attend the seminar(s) or have a provision for covering these expenses.

#### **Review Process**

Scholarship recipients will be selected based on the fulfillment of eligibility criteria. All scholarship applications must be received at least six weeks prior to the seminar. Successful applicants will be notified four weeks prior to each seminar.

#### Information

For further information on seminars and scholarships, contact the National Preservation Institute at 703.765.0100 or info@npi.org or go to www.npi.org.

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